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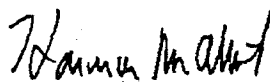
Dear Dr. Wilkinson:

Since yours was one of the four meeting support checks we had returned by the Gordon Conference office this year, I wanted to send this brief note to indicate my own personal and CTR's collective regrets at not being allowed to help support your conference. We know how difficult it can be to secure financial backing for meetings in today's funding climate.

While CTR of course is not involved in tobacco sales or production, it is no secret that the nearly \$20 million we spend annually in support of basic biomedical research is ultimately derived from companies that sell tobacco (among other products). Over the many years that CTR has helped to support numerous Gordon Conferences, we have never failed to be impressed with the outstanding quality of these meetings and we have been especially gratified that our own grantees are often organizers or keynote speakers there.

If the Board of Directors relaxes their policy in the future, we would be delighted to consider another request. Also do keep us in mind if you are organizing a similar conference under other auspices.

Sincerely,


Harmon C. McAllister

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